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Prime Minister of Haiti, Laurent Lamothe, comes to learn from the "Aruba Model"

Prime Minister of Haiti, Laurent Lamothe, who took office in May of 2012, arrived on Aruba on Thursday, March 14, at the invitation of Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman. After Haiti suffered great devastation due to the massive earthquake in January of 2010, Arubans rose to the occasion

with massive fundraising and relief efforts, collaborating with many expatriate Haitians who live on Aruba.

Prime Minister Eman introduced PM Lamothe to Aruban media during a congenial press conference at government offices yesterday morning. PM Eman complimented the Haitian leader on his recovery efforts. "He is the Prime Minister that is turning Haiti from a country with many challenges and huge situations of need into a country of hope and prosperity."

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Aruba is very proud to play a very small role in the redevelopment, new growth and renovation of Haiti." He related his observances of the island during a visit to Haiti only three days after the earthquake, touched and dismayed by the devastation. Funds raised in cooperation with the Red Cross of Aruba were applied to some special projects in Haiti; specifically two schools being rebuilt, which recently re-opened their doors. While on Haiti for this event, Prime Minister Eman extended an invitation to PM Lamothe to participate in the "Europe Meets Americas" conference being conducted on Aruba in May of this year. PM Eman described PM Lamothe and the Haitian President, Michel Martelly as "very energetic and dedicated to the people of Haiti." He reports great change and improvement since that visit in 2010.

During his present visit, PM Lamothe has already met twice with the Haitian expatriate community residing here. He also complimented islanders on their display of sincere hospitality. "We wished to show the people of Aruba our respect and gratitude for what the people of Aruba have done for Haiti after a tragedy of major proportions," he told Aruban media. "The good news is, as our friend,

Aruba, was with us during the hard times, so it will be with us during this time of the rebuilding period that comes afterwards."

"The country is doing even better than it had been, even before the earthquake. We have put 1.2 million children into school, and are paying their tuition. We are paving 735 km of roads, and have rebuilt the international airport. We are building 4 more airports. Throughout the country we are developing independent tourism zones. We built 250 million dollar industrial park which is creating 1500 jobs and has the potential of 20,000 jobs, and we built 4 new hospitals."

"We are with the Prime Minister of Aruba and his team to learn the best practices of development models; here is a success story. When we look at what was done here, there is no question that the Prime Minister is doing an incredible job at bringing development to Aruba or continuing the development...We have discussed a number of cooperation points."

"Haiti is in the midst of great change right now," continued PM Lamothe. "We feel that it is important to have partnerships with many countries. We have partnerships with large countries, such as the U.S., Canada France and Venezuela, but we

have partnerships with smaller countries. It is those smaller countries that we feel adapt well to our reality. The understanding that we get, for our own development model, is important. So we take notes on what has worked and what has not worked, because we have a

short window of time to bring development; we don't have time for trial and error."

Prime Minister Lamothe commented that with a population of ten million that have to be sure to invest in "getting in right. We are a government that is dedicated to change and the

welfare and well being of our people...The challenge is daunting, but we are at it every day to bring a chance and hope for a better Haiti. I wish to thank Prime Minister Eman for engaging to partner with this government of Haiti to bring about that change."

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Massive volunteer effort inaugurated with Aruba Doet

Governor of Aruba Fredis Refunjol joined the Director of CEDE Aruba, Daniel Tecklenborg, in officially inaugurating the largest volunteer effort in island history, Aruba Doet, ("Aruba Does it") yesterday morning at the Maristella care home for the aged, located in

Savaneta.

The landscaping of the home's grounds by volunteers from the Hyatt Thrive program is one of 87 projects being expedited over two days, yesterday and today, March 15 and 16. 1700 volunteers are participating in the projects on

Aruba, in concert with Holland for "Netherland Doet" and Bonaire for "Bon Doet" making it the grandest volunteer project the Kingdom of the Netherlands has ever seen. Holland has tens of thousands of volunteers expediting 9,000 actions over these same two



Governor Refunjol with Daniel Tecklenborg and Hans Rokebrand.

days. Bonaire has 60 volunteers completing 8 actions for their part in the event.

CEDE Aruba is an organization dedicated to finding financing for redeeming social projects and established foundations. Individual projects that involve volunteers and are for the betterment of the community, can find financing from one charitable organization or another, and CEDE Aruba facilitates that connection.

"This is the largest volunteer action Aruba has ever seen," commented Mr. Tecklenborg. "We have motivated 75 social organizations to complete projects for various foun-

dations with care facilities for all ages, public parks, and other sites around Aruba. They are repairing, painting, landscaping and whatever else is needed to make the centers more pleasant and habitable"

"The intention is to motivate individuals to contribute to the community through volunteerism. It is hoped it will inspire those who have not previously done so to realize the rewards of improving and vitalizing their community by taking action. Over these two days we hope to initiate them into the ranks of those who regularly volunteer their time."

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Hyatt Volunteers with SABA Director Hans Rokebrand

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CEDE Aruba organized the event on Aruba, with funding provided by the Oranje Fonds. This was established in 2002 as a National Wedding gift to HRH Prince of Orange and HRH Princess Maxima, the foundation's patrons. In 2002, it merged with the Juliana Fonds, which had existed since 1948. It is Holland's largest social support fund, distributing annually approximately 26 millions Euros to worthy projects.

"Aruba already enjoys a well-populated volunteer community," remarked Mr. Tecklenborg. "However, as they get older, and a younger generation ascends, we believe that spirit needs to be re-stimulated."

Aruba's Governor Fredis Refunjol voiced hearty approval of the initiative. He commented that volunteerism is essential to the continuance and health of a community "and is beyond any measurable monetary value."

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Obama defends green energy push after budget cuts

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In a speech that sought to develop his plan to spend \$2 billion in the next decade on an energy security program, Obama said such an outlay was needed to ensure jobs and

argued that the ongoing cuts could only harm the country.

"And one of the reasons I was opposed to these cuts is because they don't distinguish between wasteful programs and vital investments," Obama said at the Argonne National Laboratory, a science and engineering research center.

"They don't trim the fat; they cut into muscle and into bone, like research and development being done right here,"

he added, at the center located near Chicago.

The budget sequester that began this month -- because the White House and Congress failed to agree a compromise on spending and taxes -- means "we're looking at two years where we don't start new research," Obama said. "Imagine what that means when China and Germany and Japan are all continuing to plump up

their basic research and we're just sitting there doing nothing."

The latest impasse between the White House and Capitol Hill resulted in the imposition of a \$85 billion austerity drive affecting all government departments, which started on March 1, threatening US growth.

Obama last month called on Congress to do more to combat climate change and he plans to

introduce further efficiency standards for cars and renew a push on the development of wind, solar and cleaner natural gas energy. His proposed reforms face a tough ride in Congress, however, as Republican lawmakers have heavily criticized government spending on green energy programs during Obama's first term, arguing that the outcomes did not justify the cost.

Come and celebrate Aruba's National Day: "Flag and Anthem Day"

MONDAY, March 18th, Aruba is celebrating their National Day: Flag and Anthem Day!

Paseo Herencia known for its ...will also be celebrating this day with grand festivities which start out with a tremendous cultural show at 6 p.m. Musical Entertainment will be in the hands of Tipical Band "Tipico Alegre Cadushi Largo" and Dance Group "Youth and Action" under guidance of Debra Boekhoudt.

And something that can not be left out on Aruba's National Day: 'the sweets.' There will be different stands of local snacks and sweets such as cakes, coconut drops, peanut brittle, coconut water and much more.

All the restaurants at Paseo will be offering different specials in connection with Aruba's National Day, so this is the day to take advantage of these great offers.

Paseo Herencia wishes to remind everyone to come early to get a good parking space in their parking garage for only Afl. 1.

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Friends and family of the man who ruled the oil-rich South American country for 14 years joined high-ranking government and army officials at a mass in his honor, sending the leftist's remains on a last journey through the capital.

His daughter Maria Gabriela, donning dark glasses, broke through the applause to thank her father for "giving us the homeland back" and promised to defend his legacy, as Chavez's mother wept incessantly.

Also in attendance was Bolivian President Evo Morales, a close Chavez ally. The proceedings were led by acting President Nicholas Maduro.

The casket was then loaded into a black hearse for the 12-kilometer (7.5-mile) proces-

sion by foot, motorcycle, car, jeep and on horseback to the army barracks-turned-museum that the former paratrooper had used as his headquarters during a failed 1992 coup attempt.

Located on a hilltop, his "Mountain Barracks" resting place overlooks a sprawling public housing complex in the poor western end of the capital that once was a fervent Chavez stronghold.

Huge crowds of supporters -- many sporting red shirts bearing Chavez's likeness -- watched as the hearse, flanked by riders in ceremonial red military uniforms on horseback, made its way slowly down the Paseo de los Proceres, a boulevard honoring the country's founders.

What happens to his body in the longer term is still an open question, with Maduro saying this week it may be too late to embalm Chavez "like Lenin" and put him on permanent public view, as he had earlier suggested.



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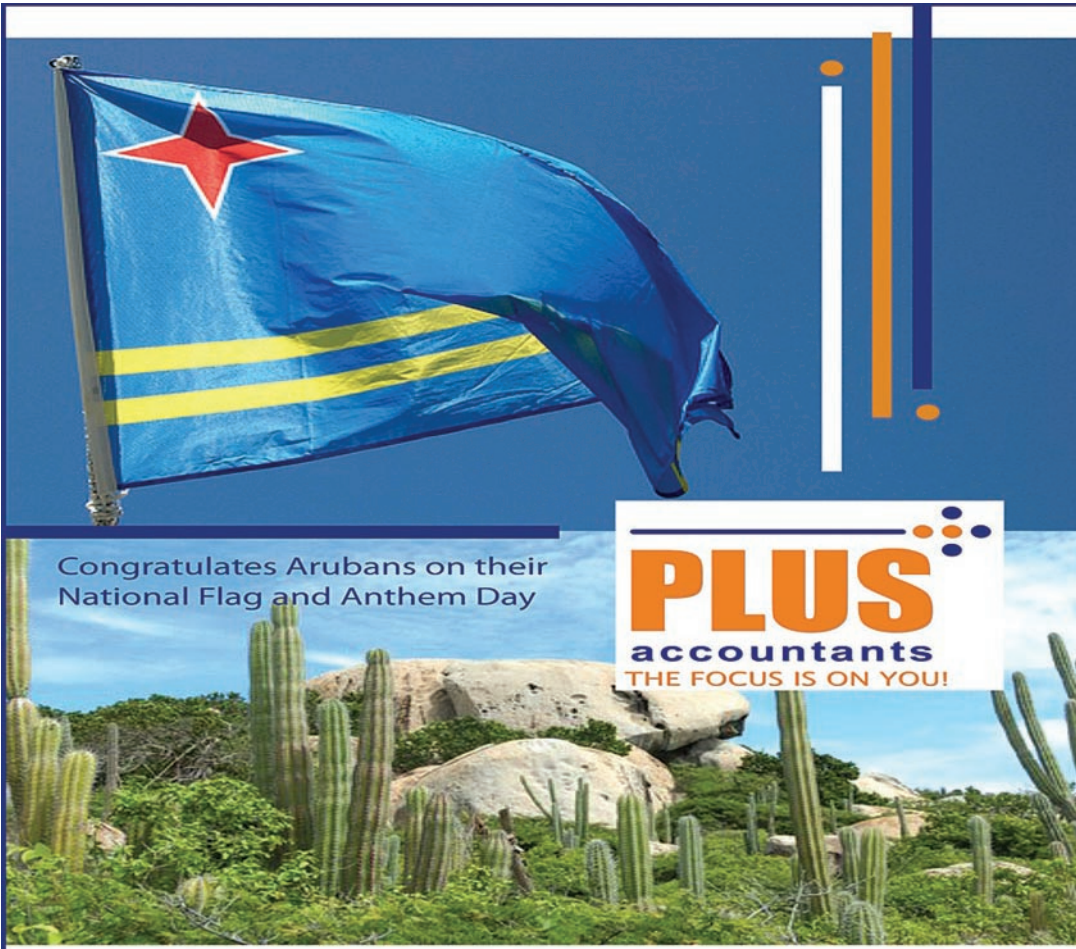
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Status Aparte – How it works

-- The Dutch-devised Constitution of the Kingdom of The Netherlands, signed in 1954 by Holland, Surinam, and The Netherlands Antilles, divided 12 of the 22 Antillean senate seats to the island of Curaçao, and eight to the island of Aruba.

Aruba is officially celebrating the fact that on January 1, 1986, it broke away from the political dominance of Curaçao, and today is an equal third party in the Dutch Kingdom next to Holland and The Netherlands Antilles. This big celebration takes place with the official Flag and Anthem Day on March 18.

Aruba's "Status Aparte," as the secession from The Netherlands Antilles is popularly called, elevated the island from island territory status to a nation status.

The two-level system of government of Aruba while it still was part of the Antilles ceased to exist. The system – an island government and a central government – will be in place until October 10 of 2010 for The Netherlands Antilles.

Aruba has a totally new, almost fully autonomous system of government. Except for external defense and foreign affairs – which are taken care of by Holland – Aruba

handles all its affairs by itself.

Political Structure

At the head of the single-level system of government of Aruba is the governor, who represents the Dutch queen on the island.

The governor and the Council of Ministers form the government of Aruba, but the governor does not carry political responsibility, as he is inviolable. The political responsibility lies with the ministers.

Government Apparatus

Island government departments as well as central government departments of Aruba while it still is part of the Antilles, today fall under the jurisdiction of the Aruba Council of Ministers.

Antillean central departments in Aruba such as police, customs, telecommunications have fallen under the control of the Aruba government since 1986.

In the cases where there were both island and central departments of the same nature like the island and central education department, the two were fused into one departments falling under a new Aruba department of government.

Court of Appeals Shared

Aruba has its own First Instance Court of Justice.

But the Court of Appeals (where the first instance rulings can be appealed), is a joint Court of Justice of the Antilles and Aruba. It is therefore called the Joint

Court of Appeals of the Antilles and Aruba. It had formerly been called the Court of Appeals of the Antilles.

For appeals to the Supreme Court, both Aruba

and the Antilles remain dependent on the Dutch Court of Cassation in The Netherlands.

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Aruba-Antillean Relations

One of the strict conditions set by the Dutch government before agreeing to Aruba's secession from the Antilles constellation was that the two must maintain close and lasting ties of cooperation.

Especially, it was agreed at the 1983 Dutch Kingdom Round Table Conference (where Aruba's Status Aparte was decided) that neither Aruba nor the Antilles should compete unfairly against each other.

Aruba and the Antilles have signed a number of bilateral cooperation agreements concerning several areas, including aviation and economic matters.

The Dutch Kingdom Round Table Conference called for the institution of an Institutionalized Court, to mediate in conflicts that could arise between Aruba and the Antilles.

The close and lasting cooperation of the two nations also calls for a Joint Council of Ministers, which is to meet regularly to discuss matters of mutual interest.

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Three feared dead in Florida plane crash

MIAMI (AFP) - Three people were feared dead Friday after a small plane crashed shortly after taking off from Fort Lauderdale airport in Florida, local media reported.

The Federal Aviation Administration said in a statement that a Piper PA-31 aircraft slammed into a warehouse area just after leaving the airport around 4:20 pm.

The identities and numbers of passengers on board the twin engine plane were not immediately available.

However, CNN affiliate WPLG Local 10 television cited Fort Lauderdale city officials as saying that three people were believed to be onboard the plane, and were presumed dead.

Television footage of the aftermath of the crash indicated the plane had ploughed into a parking lot, triggering an inferno.

The gutted wreckage of several burned vehicles could be seen as firefighters extinguished the flames.



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-- Aruba's Coat of Arms has been in use since November 15, 1955. The design was created by "Atelier voor Heraldische Kunst," of Amsterdam, Holland, but it was later altered to reflect of the symbols of Aruba.

The following are the components of the Coat of Arms:

- The Aloe is the symbol of the first source of prosperity of Aruba

- Hooiberg (Aruba's second highest point of elevation and its most recognizable landmark) symbolizes Aruba rising out of the sea.

- The handshake is the symbol of the friendly ties Aruba enjoys with other nations and people, both on the political and economic level.

- The gear symbolizes industry.

- The cross in the center represents devotion and faith.

- The lion, sitting atop the Coat of Arms, represents power and generosity.

- The laurel leaves are the symbols of peace and friendship.

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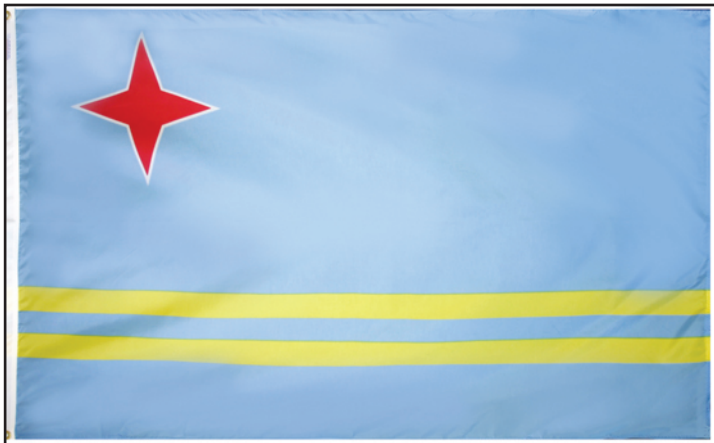
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for Aruba were sown by then Aruban leader Shon A. Eman who presented a petition signed by more than 2000 Arubans in favor of independence.

Almost thirty years later during a parliamentary session on 16th March 1976, it was agreed that March 18th would be Aruba's National Day - the day to celebrate Aruba's national anthem and

achievement by Betico Croes of a dream that had been three generations in the making - Status Aparte - an autonomous status within the kingdom of the Netherlands. On this date in 1996, a monument was inaugurated in remembrance of the 2,147 people who, back in 1947 and 1948 had signed a petition in favor of Status Aparte.

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NBA: Spurs beat Mavs to clinch playoff spot



SAN ANTONIO (AFP) - Tim Duncan finished with 28 points and 19 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs clinched a playoff spot by edging the Dallas Mavericks 92-91 on Thursday night.

Duncan made the most of his return to the lineup as he missed the Spurs' 107-83 loss on Tuesday to struggling Minnesota with a sore knee.

Gary Neal added 16 points and Kawhi Leonard, who also sat during Tuesday's loss, had 12 along with six rebounds for San Antonio, who earned a playoff spot for the 16th straight season.

Dallas came into the game having matched a season high with four consecutive victories. They appeared to be poised to add their fifth after scoring seven unanswered points to pull within 92-91 in the closing seconds.

The Mavericks got the ball back with a chance to score, but Vince Carter's three-pointer bounced off the rim at the buzzer.

Germany's Dirk Nowitzki finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds for the Mavericks, with Darren Collison scoring 12 points in the loss.

Tennis: Djokovic barrels into Indian Wells semi-finals

NDIAN WELLS (AFP) - World No. 1 Novak Djokovic made short work of a lackluster Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Friday, booking his Indian Wells Masters semi-final spot with a 22nd straight victory.

The Serbian star, who followed up his fourth Australian Open title in January with an ATP triumph in Dubai, took just 54 minutes to beat eighth-seeded Tsonga 6-3, 6-1.

He awaits the winner of the day's other quarter-final between world No. 3 Andy Murray and seventh-seeded Argentinian Juan Martin del Potro.

Murray is playing his first tournament since falling to Djokovic in a gritty four-set final at the Australian Open.

His run in Melbourne was preceded by a title in Brisbane as the Scot built on a stellar 2012 season that included Olympic singles gold in London and a US Open triumph.

If he can make it to the final here, he will overtake Roger Federer for No. 2 in the world rankings, after the defending champion was ousted in the quarter-finals on Thursday by a resurgent Rafael Nadal.

Whoever emerged from the Murray-del Potro match, how-

ever, faced a daunting semi-final against Djokovic.

Djokovic didn't drop a point in four service games in the second set against Tsonga.

No sooner had the world's top player given himself triple match point with a pair of aces and the demoralized Frenchman casually knocked a backhand wide.

The Frenchman saved two before Djokovic claimed the break and virtually sealed Tsonga's fate.

Tsonga served up another double on break point in the sixth game to leave Djokovic to serve for the match at 5-1.

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Football: Barca need to maintain aggression - Alba



MADRID (AFP) - Barcelona must try to maintain the level of performance that they showed in dismantling AC Milan 4-0 for the rest of the season, defender Jordi Alba said on Friday.

Alba rounded off a wonderful evening for Barca with the fourth goal in stoppage time as they overcame a 2-0 first-leg deficit to eliminate the Italians and move onto the Champions League quarter-finals for a sixth consecutive season.

And after also suffering recent defeats to Real Madrid, the Spanish international believes it was his side's aggression that helped them regain their best form when they needed it most.

"Outside of the club there was a lot of doubt, but we were all calm," he told a press conference on Friday.

"We weren't playing badly in these three games against Milan and Real Madrid but we just lacked the same intensity and aggression. The other day we saw the real Barcelona and now we have to maintain this level. "We have to continue this level of play and aggression until the end of the season."

Alba was particularly happy

with his goal as it guaranteed Barca's passage to the last eight after a nervous 15-minute spell towards the end of the game when just one goal for Milan would have been enough to take them through on away goals.

"It finished the game and we had been suffering towards the end. It's true that if we had gone out we would look at the whole performance in a different way but now we can reflect on it with great happiness."

Friday's quarter-final draw paired Barca with Paris Saint-Germain but Alba insisted that the Catalans' immediate target

had to be maintaining their 13-point lead at the top of the league, starting with Sunday's visit of Rayo Vallecano.

"Now we have to try and win the league as soon as possible," he said. "Rayo are having a magnificent season. They like to play with the ball and they are aggressive without it. I like the way they play."

Barca will be without Xavi as he picked up a thigh injury towards the end of the Milan game and Victor Valdes will serve the second of his four-game suspension after his appeal against the ban was dismissed on Friday.

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Figure Skating: Russians capture world pairs title



LONDON (AFP) - Russians Tatiana Volosozhar and Maxim Trankov, twice runners-up at the World Figure Skating Championships, added a world title to their collection by winning Friday's free skate final.

A brilliant final performance by the Russian duo, who also won the short programme, left challengers in the dust and gave Volosozhar and Trankov their long-sought crown after settling for second place each of the past two years.

The Russians were expected to face a head-to-head match with the four-time and reigning world champions Aliona Savchenko and Robin Szolkowy.

But a series of major errors on the Germans' part left them an unprecedented 20 points behind the winners.

Volosozhar and Trankov finished with combined judges' scores of 225.71 points while Savchenko and Szolkowy were second overall on 205.56. Canada's Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford were third on 204.56.

The Russian duo took the free skate with 149.87 points with Savchenko and Szolkowy second on 132.09 and the Canadian duo third on 130.95.

"After we finished our program, I said to Maxim, 'Probably we are world champions,'" said Volosozhar, who is con-

cluding her third season with Trankov.

Volosozhar and Trankov's artistically sophisticated performance, set to Violin Muse, was punctuated by flawless lifts, spins and throws and their trademark -- a soaring triple twist.

The only miscue came after Trankov tripped and fell onto his knees after launching Volosozhar into a successful throw triple loop.

The judges' decision to lift the German duo into second elicited boos from the home-country crowd as they overtook the Canadian couple.

Savchenko and Szolkowy, who missed training time this season when Savchenko struggled with sinusitis, inched into second on the strength of significantly superior component scores.

But they had big problems on the technical side, turning each of their three planned triple jumps into doubles and Szolkowy fell on one of them.

In a surprise move, the Germans concluded their "Bolero" routine with a rare throw-triple Axel which Savchenko turned completely but landed on two feet.

"This season was a tough season for us," Szolkowy said. The Canadians made no major errors although they did run out of steam and slowed visibly in performing their final

two elements.

At these last worlds before the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympics, competitors look to stake early claims to Olympic

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